# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

I-FLOW CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation,	) Case No. ) ) Pot. 6 5,284,481
Plaintiff,	)
V.	) COMPLAINT FOR PATENT ) INFRINGEMENT
ALPIN SURGICAL SPECIALTIES, INC., a Pennsylvania corporation.	<b>)</b>
Defendants.	) DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff I-FLOW CORPORATION ("I-Flow") hereby complains of Defendant ALPIN SURGICAL SPECIALTIES, INC. ("Alpin"), and alleges as follows:

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 1. This action arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.
  - 2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338,...
- 3. Venue is proper in this Judicial District under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b).

#### THE PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff I-Flow is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 20202 Windrow Drive, Lake Forest, CA 92630.
- 5. I-Flow is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant Alpin is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, having a place of business at 105 Lincoln Avenue, Butler, PA 16001.

6. I-Flow is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Alpin conducts business throughout New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia, including in this Judicial District, and have committed the acts complained of in this Judicial District and elsewhere.

# RELEVANT FACTS

- 7. On February 8, 1994, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") duly and lawfully issued U.S. Patent No. 5,284,481 entitled "Compact Collapsible Infusion Apparatus" (the "'481 patent"). I-Flow is the owner by assignment of the '481 patent. A copy of the '481 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 8. The SOLACE<sup>TM</sup> Post-Operative Pain Relief Infusion System, marketed by Alpin, includes an infusion pump (the "SOLACE<sup>TM</sup> Infusion Pump") that is covered by the '481 patent.
- 9. I-Flow is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Alpin, through its agents, employees and servants, has infringed I-Flow's patent rights through their making, using, selling, importing and/or offering to sell infusion pumps such as the SOLACE<sup>TM</sup> Infusion Pump.
- 10. This infringement has been willful, the Defendants have actual knowledge of I-Flow's patent rights.
- 11. I-Flow is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Alpin uses, sells and offers for sale pain management devices, including, but not limited to, the SOLACE<sup>TM</sup> Infusion Pump.
- 12. By the aforesaid acts of Defendants, I-Flow has been greatly damaged, and will continue to be irreparably damaged unless Defendants are enjoined by the Court.

### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5,284,481)

- 13. I-Flow repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 12 of this Complaint.
- 14. This is a claim for patent infringement and arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.
- 15. I-Flow is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant Alpin, through its agents, employees and servants, has been and is currently willfully and intentionally infringing the '481 patent by using, selling, importing, offering to sell and/or inducing others to use infusion pumps, such as the SOLACE<sup>TM</sup> Infusion Pump, that are covered by at least one claim of the '481 patent. Defendants' acts constitute infringement of the '481 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.
- 16. Defendant Alpin has been and is currently committing these acts of infringement without license or other authorization from I-Flow.
- 17. I-Flow is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant Alpin's infringement will continue unless enjoined by this Court.
- 18. I-Flow is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant Alpin has derived and received, and will continue to derive and receive, gains, profits and advantages from the aforesaid acts of infringement in an amount that is not presently known to I-Flow. By reason of the aforesaid infringing acts, I-Flow has been damaged and is entitled to monetary relief in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 19. Because of the aforesaid infringing acts, I-Flow has suffered and continues to suffer great and irreparable injury, for which I-Flow has no adequate remedy at law.

WHEREFORE, I-Flow prays for judgment in its favor against Defendants for the following relief:

- A. An Order adjudging Defendant Alpin to have infringed the '481 patent;
- B. That Defendant Alpin, its respective officers, directors, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and all those persons in active concert or participation with it, be forthwith preliminarily and thereafter permanently enjoined from directly or indirectly infringing the '481 patent;
- C. That Defendant Alpin account for all gains, profits, and advantages derived by its infringement of the '481 patent;
- D. That a judgment be entered against Defendant Alpin awarding I-Flow all damages proven at trial, and in no event less than a reasonable royalty, for infringement of the '481 patent;
- E. That the damages in this judgment be trebled for Defendant Alpin's knowing, intentional and willful infringement of the '481 patent;
- F. That there be an assessment of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs against Defendant Alpin and in favor of I-Flow, and an award of this interest and costs to I-Flow;
- G. That this be judged an "exceptional" case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285, and that I-Flow be awarded its attorneys' fess pursuant thereto, recoverable from Defendant;
- H. For an award to I-Flow of any and all other specific, general, and compensatory damages according to proof;
  - I. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just.

# Respectfully submitted,

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